



## Hurricane Katrina Relief Listserv

Working in Partnership Regionally to Best Serve Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

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The Hurricane Katrina Listserv is a vehicle by which people and organizations looking to provide evacuee relief can post and receive breaking news and information, as well as ask questions that will be made available to a number of public, private and non-profit organizations working to provide aid to evacuees.

**If you're sending out press releases, have breaking news or other information, or would like to post a question, please forward to them to [crisis.response@uwsem.org](mailto:crisis.response@uwsem.org).**

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### *DHS Toll-Free Number Established*

**Department of Health and Human Services today announced the availability of a toll-free hotline for people in crisis in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.**

The Department of Health and Human Services today announced the availability of a toll-

free hotline for people in crisis in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. By dialing 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255), callers will be connected to a network of local crisis centers across the country.

The network is run by HHS' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and involves more than 110 certified crisis centers. People who are in emotional distress or suicidal can call at any time from anywhere in the nation to talk to a trained worker who will listen to and assist callers in getting the mental health help they need.

Note: All HHS press releases, fact sheets and other press materials are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/news>.

[Click here to read all HHS Press Releases, fact sheets and other press materials.](#)

## ***Opening of Wayne County Intake Center Delayed, New Hours Scheduled***

**The hours of operation at City Airport changed from what this listserv put out over the weekend.**

The opening of the Intake Center at Detroit City Airport has been delayed, and is now scheduled to open tomorrow afternoon. It will remain open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Evacuees in Oakland and Macomb county are encouraged to register with the Red Cross. You can call the Oakland County service center in Bloomfield Hills at (248) 322-2500 or the Macomb County service center in Warren at (586) 756-7600.

## ***Wayne County DHS Toll-Free Number Established***

**Wayne County Department of Human Services Establishes Toll-Free Telephone Numbers for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Michigan**

DETROIT – Many families and individuals evacuated from their homes due to the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina are finding themselves resettling in Detroit. While some of these evacuees have contacted the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) for assistance, there are still many out there who have not.

In an effort to reach out to those that DHS has not yet assisted, the Wayne County Department of Human Services has developed two toll-free telephone numbers through which evacuees can get information about the services available to them through DHS. Those toll-free telephone numbers are: **1-866-528-9880** and **1-866-528- 0808**.

The Wayne County Department of Human Services is working with local human services and

relief agencies to identify no-cost or low-cost housing that could afford families and individuals with privacy and autonomy for their stay in Michigan, expected to last from three to nine months. Evacuees will not be placed in shelters or shared private homes. DHS is working to find homes and provide support for evacuees who have traveled to and settled in Michigan on their own as well. Evacuees who are living with relatives or friends anywhere in Michigan who need support services should contact their local Department of Human Services office.

## *Salvation Army accepting in-kind and monetary donations at Detroit City Airport*

The Salvation Army has been selected by the City of Detroit as the officially appointed organization to begin accepting in-kind and monetary donations at the Detroit City Airport hangars 1 and 2 located at the Coleman A. Young International Airport, 11201 Conner (at Gratiot) Detroit, Mich.

Requested donations accepted at the City Airport hangars include paper products, non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning supplies.

### **List of approved donations:**

- non-perishable food (CANNED FOOD OR PLASTIC CONTAINERS)
- water
- new clothing - shorts, t-shirts, sandals, light weight ants, socks, and underwear
- diapers, wipes, formula, & baby items
- pet food
- towels
- bars of soap
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, and mouthwash
- toilet paper
- shampoo and conditioner
- combs and brushes
- razors and shaving cream
- feminine hygiene products
- kleenex
- cots and blankets
- insect repellent with deet
- deodorant
- paper plates, cups, napkins, forks, knives, and spoons
- wet wipes
- band-aids
- buckets, mops, brooms, scrub brushes, and bleach
- large heavy-duty black trash bags
- generators and extension cords
- sunglasses
- wet -vac

For more information call (877) SAL-MICH or visit [www.salvationarmyemich.org](http://www.salvationarmyemich.org).



## *Vouchers available through Red Cross and Salvation Army*

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Registered evacuees in southeast Michigan are eligible for vouchers through the Red Cross that are redeemable at certain restaurants. Evacuees that register with the Red Cross are also eligible for at least two weeks stay at select hotels.

The Salvation Army is also providing vouchers for registered evacuees that can be redeemed for clothing at any of their 31 thrift stores across southeastern Michigan. Furniture is also available at these stores.

To register as an evacuee through the Red Cross, call (313) 833-4440 or visit [www.semredcross.org](http://www.semredcross.org).

**For registered evacuees to obtain Salvation Army vouchers, call (877) SAL-MICH.**

### *Quick Links*

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- [UW Metro Detroit Katrina Relief Website](#)

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